



## **FACT SHEET**

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### **Billings and Pompeys Pillar National Monument Resource Management Plan Revision**

#### **FACT SHEET: Travel Management**

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The 434,154 acres of BLM public lands within the Billings Field Office provide a variety of outstanding outdoor recreational opportunities for many different user groups and interests. Recreational opportunities are offered to the public on all BLM administered lands in the planning area where legal access exists. About 300,000 visitors use public lands in the planning area each year and this number continues to grow. Because access to these BLM public lands, for both recreational and commercial use, is equally important, the Billings and Pompeys Pillar National Monument Draft RMP/EIS also addresses Travel Management.

This draft plan provides goals and objectives to manage travel and off-highway vehicle use (OHV) in a manner that provides a balanced approach to provide sustainable local economic benefits and minimize or mitigate user conflict, safety concerns, and resource impacts, while taking into consideration the unique attributes and values of the various travel management areas.

Non-motorized recreational trails, including construction and maintenance, would be considered during the development of Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) management plans and Travel Management Area (TMA) plans.

#### **Travel Management**

Travel management and access is addressed at two levels in this document. Proposed travel management is described both at the land-use planning level (allocating open, closed, and limited area designations) as well as at the Field Office level (specific route designations) as part of the decision to be made in the Billings and Pompeys Pillar National Monument Draft RMP/EIS. In addition, there are eleven Travel Management Areas (TMA) for which site-specific management by individual travel routes is proposed by alternative. Site-specific travel plan decisions for each of these eleven areas will be made separately from the RMP level decisions as implementation level decisions.

The Billings and Pompeys Pillar National Monument Draft RMP/EIS addresses a range of alternatives for establishing Travel Management Areas (TMA). Specific management objectives were defined for each TMA, consistent with the overall desired outcomes for travel management. Within these TMAs, a range of alternatives to address route-specific designations were proposed by alternative. However these route-specific designations would be implementation-level decisions. Upon finalization of the RMP, the decision for each of the TMAs will be considered to be separate decisions. Travel management outside of the 11 TMAs would continue to be limited to existing roads and trails and in accordance with the RMP Record of Decision (ROD) until higher planning priorities are completed, and then these areas would be addressed.

## Travel Management Areas

The Billings and Pompeys Pillar National Monument Draft RMP/EIS proposes to establish 11 Travel Management Areas (TMAs) in order to minimize impacts and provide a spectrum of motorized and non- motorized recreational opportunities.

- Within each TMA, route specific travel planning has been completed as part of this planning process.
- Motorized travel in the TMAs would be limited to designated roads and trails, except in designated open areas (ex. South Hills OHV Area).
- Motorized travel on BLM-administered land, outside of established TMAs, would be limited to existing roads and trails.

The following table identifies Travel Management Area Designations by Alternative

<b>Billings and PPNM Draft RMP/EIS Travel Management</b>				
	<b>Alt A (No Action)</b>	<b>Alt B</b>	<b>Alt C</b>	<b>Alt D (Preferred)</b>
<b>Travel Management Areas (TMAs)</b>	No established TMAs	Establish 11 Travel Management Areas		
<b>Travel Management Area Designations</b>	Off highway vehicle use limited to existing roads and trails (844.1 miles) except in the Pryors, Acton, Shepherd Ah-Nei, and Horsethief where it would be restricted to designated routes.	Open: 348.1 miles Closed: 391.5 miles	Open: 831.1 miles Closed: 5.6 miles	Open: 616.7 miles Closed: 59.9 miles
<b>Gage Dome/Colony Road TMA</b>	Motorized travel limited to existing roads and trails – 96 miles (Map 107)	Open*: 31 miles Admin use only: 45 miles Closed: 20 miles (Map 108)	Open: 75 miles Open*: 15 miles Admin use only: 6 miles (Map 109)	Open*: 67 miles Admin use only: 29 miles (Map 110)
<b>Horsethief TMA</b>	Motorized use allowed on designed roads: 36 miles (Map 111)	Open*: 10 miles Admin use only: 14 miles Closed: 13 miles Non-motorized use only: 1 mile (Map 112)	Open: 32 miles Open*: 3.4 miles Admin use only: 1 mile Closed: 0.1 mile (Map 113)	Open: 8.4 miles Open*: 14 miles Admin use only: 14 miles Closed: 0.1 mile (Map 114)
<b>Acton TMA</b>	Motorized use allowed on designated roads 7.1 miles Closed: 1.5 miles (Map 115)	Open*: 5.1 miles Closed: 3.5 miles (Map 116)	Open*: 8.6 miles (Map 117)	Open*: 6.8 miles Admin use only: 1 mile Closed: 0.8 miles (Map 118)
<b>Shepherd Ah-Nei TMA</b>	Area I: 53 miles (limited to motorized vehicles less than 50" wide) Motorized use limited to existing roads and trails (Map 119)	The following routes would be designated in the Shepherd Ah-Nei Area I: 53 miles (limited to existing roads and trails (seasonal/conditional restrictions and vehicle restrictions (less than 50" wide) apply) (Map 120)		
	Area II: closed to all motorized vehicles	Shepherd Ah-Nei Area II: Admin use only		
	Area III: limited to motorized use (by permit only)	Shepherd Ah-Nei Area III: Admin use only		

<b>Mill Creek / Bundy TMA</b>	Motorized travel limited to existing roads and trails: 141 miles (Map 123)	Open *: 20 miles Admin use only: 54 miles Closed: 67 miles (Map 124)	Open: 70 miles Open*: 37 miles Admin use only: 32 miles Closed: 2 miles (Map 1250)	Open: 8 miles Open*: 61 miles Admin use only: 67 miles Closed: 5 miles (Map 126)
<b>South Hills TMA</b>	Open to cross country travel – motorcycle only 1,097 acres motorcycle use only 260 acre buffer area – closed to motorized use (adjacent to residential area) (Map 127)	Closed to motorized use 1,357 acres (Map 128)	Open to cross country travel 1,296 acres: motorcycle use only 61 acre buffer area – closed to motorized use (adjacent to residential area) (Map 129)	Open to cross country travel 982 acres motorcycle use only 375 acre buffer area – closed to motorized use (adjacent to residential area) (Map 130)
<b>Tin Can Hill TMA</b>	Motorized travel not authorized; temporary closure in place pending RMP analysis Motorized travel limited to existing roads and trails (Map 131)	Admin use only: 3 miles (Map 132)	Open*: 2.5 miles Admin use only: 0.5 miles (Map 133)	Open**: 1.5 miles Admin use only: 0.5 miles Closed: 1 mile (Map 134)
<b>Cottonwood/ Weatherman Draw TMA</b>	Weatherman Draw ACEC: motorized travel limited to admin use only. No mechanized travel: 24 miles Outside of ACEC motorized travel limited to existing roads and trails: 285 miles (Map 135)	Open (motorcycles only): 10 miles Open*: 123 miles Admin use only: 68 miles Closed: 108 miles (Map 136)	Open: 196 miles Open (motorcycles only): 6 miles Open (vehicles 50" or less): 10 miles Open*: 82 miles Admin use only: 14 miles Closed: 1 mile (Map 137)	Open: 103 miles Open (motorcycles only): 3 miles Open (vehicles 50" or less): 10 miles Open*: 104 miles Admin use only: 75 miles Closed: 14 miles (Map 138)
<b>Warren TMA</b>	Motorized travel limited to existing roads and trails: 34 miles (Map 139)	Admin use only: 18 miles Closed: 16 miles (Map 140)	Open: 29 miles Open*: 4 miles Admin use only: 0.5 miles Closed: 0.5 miles (Map 141)	Open: 1 mile Open*: 9 miles Admin use only: 23 miles (Map 142)
<b>Pryor Mountain TMA</b>	Motorized travel limited to designated roads and trails Open: 119 miles Admin use only: 2.5 miles Closed: 103.5 miles (Map 143)	Open*: 71 miles Open**: 7 miles Admin use only: 28.5 miles Closed: 118 miles Non-motorized use only: 0.5 miles (Map 144)	Open: 175 miles Open*: 17 miles Open**: 1.2 miles Admin use only: 30.3 miles Closed: 1.5 miles (Map 145)	Open: 39 miles Open (vehicles 50" or less): 2.5 miles Open*: 88 miles Open**: 0.5 miles Admin use only: 60 miles Closed: 35 miles (Map 146)
<b>Grove Creek TMA</b>	Motorized travel limited to existing roads and trails: 73 miles (Map 147)	Open*: 18 miles Admin use only: 9 miles Closed: 46 miles (Map 148)	Open: 38 miles Open*: 32 miles Admin use only: 2.5 miles Closed: 0.5 miles (Map 149)	Open: 12 miles Open*: 25 miles Admin use only: 32 miles Closed: 4 miles (Map 150)

\* Open with additional management

\*\* Open with seasonal restrictions/conditional restrictions